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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, ENRG, JA

SUBJ: REGIONAL REPROCESSING CENTER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ

REF: TELECON BLOOM/KRATZER 3/11

1. AT JAIF RECEPTION ON 3/11, DR. IMAI OF ERG DREW SCICOUNS ASIDE AND SAID THAT HE HAD MESSAGE CONCERNING GOJ POSITION OF FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH USG RE REGIONAL REPROCESSING CONCEPT. IMAI RELATED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH OTSUKA OF MOFA AND YAMAMOTO OF MITI NUCLEAR INDUSTRY DIVISION AND BOTH HAD AGREED THAT GOJ SHOULD NOW PROCEED TO TALK WITH USG AND WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO INVITATION FROM USG TO THIS EFFECT. GOJ CRITERIA FOR ENTERING INTO DISCUSSIONS ARE THAT THEY SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL, LOW-KEY, AND DEVOTED TO TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF REGIONAL CONCEPT. IN ADDITION, IMAI EMPHASIZED THAT GOJ WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE "FORMAL" INVITATION TO ENTER INTO TALKS, PREFERABLY BY WRITTEN OR CABLED COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM GOJ WASHINGTON EMBASSY.

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2. SCICOUNS NOTED IN RESPONSE THAT VERBAL INVITATIONS TO HOLD TALKS HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO OTSUKA AND ETO IN MOFA ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS. IMAI SAID THAT ONLY SURE WAY TO GET GOJ ATTENTION WOULD BE FOR WRITTEN MESSAGE TO COME IN, WHICH WOULD BE DISSEMINATED TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FOR ACTION. ALSO, ATMOSPHERE IS NOW RIPE FOR TALKS, HE WENT ON, POINTING OUT THAT JAPANESE HAD WATCHED EVENTS IN KOREA CONCERNING WITHDRAWAL OF THAT COUNTRY'S INTEREST IN BUILDING REPROCESSING PLANT AND WERE AWARE OF SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS ACTION.

3. IN REITERATION OF HIS MESSAGE, IMAI SAID THAT KIICHIRO NAGARA, REPLACEMENT FOR UCHIDA AT WASHINGTON EMBASSY, WAS AWARE OF SITUATION AND COULD BE APPROACHED BY USG ON HIS ARRIVAL. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT GOJ WOULD LIKE TALKS TO BE QUITE SPECIFIC, IN THE SENSE OF EVALUATING PROS AND CONS OF POTENTIAL REPROCESSING PLANT SITES IN SUCH PLACES AS "GUAM" AND ALASKA." AS EVIDENCE OF MOFA INTEREST IN SUBJECT, HE MENTIONED THAT OTSUKA HAD SAID THAT MOFA WOULD BE READY TO HAVE ITS REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATE. IN CONCLUDING DISCUSSION, IMAI ASKED SCICOUNS "NOT TO FORGET" TO SEND MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO DISCREETLY VERIFY THAT MOFA IN PARTICULAR IS IN SUPPORT OF IMAI PROPOSAL. OCCASION MAY ARISE FOR CONTACT WITH OTSUKA IN NEXT FEW DAYS AS RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK PLACE AND SPEECHES MADE DURING JAIF CONFERENCE.  
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